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Friday, January 11, U.S. District Judge J. Fredrick Motz rejected a settlement that would have resolved more than 100 private class-action lawsuits filed against Microsoft in the wake of the 1999 decision issued by Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson during the trial court phase of the federal antitrust lawsuit. Under the proposal's terms, Microsoft would have given disadvantaged public schools more than \$1 billion in funding, software, services and training, and around 1 million Windows licenses for renovated PCs.

It seems ridiculous that a Federal Judge would reject such a settlement. The only people who win in class action suits are lawyers. Why not let the public win for a change?

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